

***MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 26, 2002***

Members Present: Matthew Smith, Chairman; Per Bang-Jensen, Vice-Chairman; Harry Atherton; Ann McCarty; R. E. Moore; John Pulsinelli and Liz Cook.

Members Absent: Gary Christie; Laurence Mason and Sam Poles.

Guests Present: Larry Lehman; Wendy West and Clark Lewis.

Staff Present: Fran Williams

Matthew Smith suggested that the order of the agenda items be changed to accommodate the visitors in attendance. All members were in agreement.

1. Consider Approval of May 29, 2002 Committee Meeting Minutes.

On motion made by Harry Atherton and seconded by Matthew Smith, it was moved to approve the May 29, 2002 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Make a Recommendation on Taking Baldwin Ridge Subdivision Roads Into State System (South Run Road, Honeysuckle Road and Valley Drive) – Wendy West.

Matthew Smith stated that the total amount allocated for the acceptance of roads into the State system is only \$98,000, which is a decrease of 30% due to the funding issue. Mr. Smith stated that since the estimated cost of accepting the roads in Baldwin Ridge Subdivision into the State system is \$600,000. he does not feel the Committee can recommend accepting these roads at this time.

Wendy West asked the Committee to consider putting the roads on the list as three (3) separate projects in order to get at least one or two roads considered. Ms. West expressed concern about the proposed sewerline to Vint Hill having an impact on one of the roads in Baldwin Ridge Subdivision. Ms. West further stated that she has been in contact with the widow of Mr. Kenyon, the principal of Baldwin Ridge, Inc. Mr. Kenyan's widow informed Ms. West that she does not have any part of the corporation since it has been dissolved.

Larry Lehman stated that Hillside Drive (Route 1314) in Baldwin Ridge Subdivision has been paved and is fully maintained by the State. Mr. Lehman asked how the ownership issue was resolved on this one road. Harry Atherton stated that while he is not sure when Hillside Drive was accepted, it is possible that dirt roads were allowable at the time Hillside Drive was accepted into the State system.

On motion made by Harry Atherton and seconded by Ann McCarty, it was moved to postpone making a recommendation on taking the Baldwin Ridge Subdivision roads into the State system for one (1) month in order to give John Pulsinelli, the new Scott District representative, an opportunity to review the information on this issue. The motion passed unanimously. (***JULY AGENDA ITEM***)

3. ***Make a Recommendation on the Proposed "Smart Solutions" for Interstate 81 Improvements. (Item #7)***

Clark Lewis, an attorney representing Smart Solutions, briefed the Committee on why they are opposed to the proposal submitted by a group of road builders known as Star Solutions to widen Interstate 81. Mr. Lewis stated that Star Solutions wants to widen the highway and impose tolls, which could range from \$0.10 to \$0.30, on truck drivers. Smart Solutions feels that this will ultimately lead to the increased cost of shipping; a negative impact on the Virginia-based trucking industry and trucks being forced to use alternative routes to avoid Interstate 81, which would clog diversion routes that are not as well suited to handle truck traffic. Mr. Lewis further emphasized the safety issue this will create. In a response to a question from Matthew Smith about the major safety issues on I-81, Mr. Lewis stated that the group's concerns involve the number of tractor trailers; the high incidence of fatalities when tractor trailers are involved in accidents; traffic slowdowns as well as motorist's uneasy feelings when traveling with a number of tractor trailers.

Harry Atherton stated that he will talk with the Board of Supervisors' chairman to determine if a work session should be set up to discuss this matter further. Bob Moore will talk with his counterpart in Staunton to see if he can get more information on this proposal.

4. ***Consider Designating/Posting the Lakewood Community in the New Baltimore Service District With a 25 Mile Per Hour Speed Limit – Denise Williams. (Item #4)***

Denise Williams was not present at the meeting. Bob Moore stated that VDOT will post the 25 mph speed limit sign within the next thirty (30) days.

5. ***Consider a Recommendation for a "Children at Play" Sign on Davis Road – Edward Davis. (Item #5)***

Edward Davis was not present at the meeting. On motion made by Harry Atherton and seconded by John Pulsinelli, it was moved to forward a resolution to the Board of Supervisors requesting that a "Children at Play" sign be installed on Davis Road. The motion carried unanimously.

Liz Cook stated that she has also received a request for a "Children at Play" sign on Mill Run Drive off Dumfries Road (Route 605). On motion made by John Pulsinelli and seconded by Harry Atherton, it was moved to forward a resolution to the Board of Supervisors requesting that a "Children at Play" sign be installed on Mill Run Drive. The motion carried unanimously.

6. ***Presentation on the Lake Drive Options Related to the Development of the Brookside Community. (Item #3)***

Liz Cook briefed the Committee on the overall transportation improvements and Lake Drive options. ***Three (3) options are currently under consideration, which are attached and made part of these minutes.*** Rick Carr has requested that the Committee review these options and make a final recommendation to the Board of Supervisors between August and November. John Pulsinelli will discuss these options further with Rick Carr and Liz Cook. ***(KEEP ON AGENDA AS AN ON-GOING ITEM)***

7. ***Consider Recommending a Limitation on Future Rural Addition Requests. (Item #6)***

Bob Moore stated that new requests should not be accepted since the total amount of money available for Rural Road additions is down considerably. Per Bang-Jensen stated that there is no easy solution, but the Committee should look at roads with public safety issues and further suggested that the Committee might take a look at what other jurisdictions are doing in this regard. ***Bob Moore***

stated that he will provide the Committee with a copy of a list indicating the status of Rural Road addition requests. Wendy West stated that she would like to have a copy also.

Harry Atherton stated that while he feels a moratorium might be premature, it would be appropriate for the Committee to establish a policy so as to limit the number of requests. (JULY AGENDA ITEM – TO BE ITEM #1)

8. *Discuss the Virginia Department of Transportation Requirements for Commercial Entrances at Telecommunication Tower Sites. (Item #8)*

Harry Atherton stated that after construction, telecommunication tower sites require a maximum of one (1) truck per week. Mr. Atherton expressed concern that VDOT's requirement for commercial entrances at these sites will mean that a number of trees will have to be cut down that might serve to limit the visual impact on neighbors. ***Bob Moore stated that he will take a look at the requirements.***

9. *Receive an Update on the Following Items: Tuckers Lane; Liberty High School Flashing Lights and Route 29 Crossovers.*

Tuckers Lane

Bob Moore stated that while he thought there was some additional correspondence on Tuckers Lane, he and Liz Cook have been unable to locate this. ***Liz Cook will talk with Debbie Gouldthorpe and Jim Green to see if they recall any other correspondence.***

Liberty High School Flashing Lights

Bob Moore stated that he has contacted the School Board concerning the flashing lights at Liberty High School. The School Board does agree that dual indicators should be installed in order to improve safety, but they have requested a letter from the Committee or the Board of Supervisors requesting the flashing lights. Matthew Smith stated that other issues involve moving the sign toward Opal as well as the flashing light on Catlett Road (Route 28) being moved toward Midland. ***Bob Moore and Liz Cook will determine what needs to be in the letter.***

On motion made by Harry Atherton and seconded by Matthew Smith, it was moved to recommend that the Board of Supervisors write a letter to the School Board requesting that flashing lights be installed at Liberty High School. The motion carried unanimously.

Route 29 Crossovers

Bob Moore will provide the Committee with a list of VDOT's recommendations of crossover closings. (JULY OR SEPTEMBER AGENDA ITEM)

10. *Other Items.*

Bob Moore stated that he was going to check on limbs on Fox View Drive covering a road sign. He will make sure this has been done.

Bob Moore reviewed a memo from Sharon McCamy regarding the following road issues:

Davis Road – Remington

Taken care of earlier in the meeting.

Union Church Road – Sumerduck

Bob Moore will look at the issue regarding blind curves.

Savannah Branch Road

VDOT will be making improvements sometime during this year.

Need for signalization on Route 17 in front of the shopping center and in front of Liberty High School.

VDOT will be conducting a study to determine what is needed.

Route 17/28 Overpass

VDOT will be conducting a study to determine what is needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.